

Brothers of Basketball

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Seth says losing is his least favorite part of playing basketball. "We always try to be as competitive as possible and play to win," Josh agrees. Although a losing streak is something the brothers don't have a lot of experience at, when they do have a dud game they reach for ways to regain their confidence.

"After you lose you just have to put it behind you," Josh said. "Then you have to look back at the game and learn from what you did wrong." "Playing another game and winning helps too," Seth said. The Tarvers offer no secrets to aspiring younger athletes. "There are no secrets," said Seth. "You just have to work hard." The brothers do agree you have to have passion for the game in

order to play it, and they know that working their hardest will make them the best players that they can be. "You may be working hard," said Josh. "But always remember that there is someone out there working just as hard or harder than you, so you need to always do the most you can to achieve your goals." Playing basketball keeps the Tarvers very busy and leaves them with little free time. Our interview

was even cut short when they were called to practice. They dedicate as much time as they can to the game and both hope to make it a winning season, hit the high scores academically and keep their fans on the edges of their seats. "Everyday we try to find new weaknesses and improve them," said Seth. "We just try to work hard and have fun with it as well," said Josh.

Obituaries

Flipper Memorial Saturday

Clark College hosts celebration of his life

A celebration of life in memory of family man, businessman, educator and community activist Carl F. Flipper III will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Clark College Gaiser Student Center in Vancouver. Flipper made a difference in the lives of his family, friends and colleagues. He died Nov. 24 at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital in Vancouver, from complications of multiple myeloma at age 58. He was committed to empowering and educating the disenfranchised and to fostering compassionate support for social and economic justice among the powerful.

Over the 14 years he lived in the Portland area, he held leadership positions in a number of civic organizations including the Portland Baseball Group, Oregon Public Broadcasting, South African-American Business Club and the Economic Development Committee for the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area. He was a student and proponent of both African American and Native American history and culture, taking an active role in the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association (the Buffalo Soldiers), the National Black MBA Association, the Portland Branch of the NAACP and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He served as a consultant to the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network. At the time of his death he was



Carl F. Flipper III the Director of Auxiliary Services of Clark College. Previously, he served as the coordinator for the Humboldt Target Area Project in

north Portland, and president of the Oregon Enterprise Forum assisting early-stage companies. He is survived by his wife Annette Albright Flipper of Vancouver, son Joseph Flipper of Clarkston, Wash., daughters Monica Flipper of New Orleans and Natalie Flipper of Lewiston, Idaho, his mother Maurine Flipper of Mill Valley, Calif., his sister Cassandra Flipper of Greenbrae, Calif., step-sons Nathaniel Albright of Denver and Christopher Albright of Portland, step-daughters Deanna and Jessica Albright of Portland and Ruby Albright of Vancouver, and three grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to the Flipper Children's Education Fund in care of Annette Albright Flipper at Bank of America, 805 Broadway, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Martin Luther King's Secretary Dies at 81

(AP)—Dora McDonald, secretary for Martin Luther King Jr., died just days before the national holiday that honors her former boss. She was 81. McDonald died Saturday of complications from cancer at Emory Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., hospital spokesman Lance Skelly said Sunday. King entrusted his family to McDonald's care when he was in jail or traveling, and it was McDonald who told Coretta Scott King that her husband had been assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. McDonald started working for the civil rights leader in 1960 and



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his wife Coretta Scott King (right) and his secretary, Dora McDonald, arrive in Oslo, Norway, in this Dec. 8, 1964 file photo.

quickly became his confidant and adviser. In a 1989 interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, McDonald described her role as King's secretary at Ebenezer Baptist Church and later at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as "a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job." "But there was never a time — and I can say this in all truthfulness, from the time I went to work for him until his death — that I regretted what I was doing or where I was at that moment," she said. McDonald never married or had children, and has no immediate survivors.

In Loving Memory Mary Eliza Griffin

Funeral services were held Jan. 3 for Mary Eliza Griffin, 77, a retired lab tech for Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford, Texas, who died Dec. 26, 2006 at a Texas care center. She was born Dec. 8, 1929, in Talbot, Ga. She moved her family to Fort Worth in 1964. She was a devoted member of New Beth Eden Baptist Church, serving in many ministries. She was a very active member of the Seniors in Motion at the church. She served as precinct judge for several years and was a volunteer for many organizations. Survivors include her loving daughter, Wanda Griffin; sons, Earl H. Griffin Jr. (Bernice) and Thomas B. Griffin of Portland; grandson she raised, Jonathan A. Griffin; sisters, Rena Boyd, Annie Wilcox and Magdalen Brown; goddaughter, Linda Draugin; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Boxing Athlete Remembered

William "Bull" Holcey was born on June 6, 1932 in Tuskegee Ala. to Daniel Holcey and Lancy Ann Tolbert. He got the nick-name "Bull" during his boxing years where he had made a name for himself. He has been in the boxing ring with many boxing greats. He attended Boise Elementary and Jefferson High School where he played football and basketball. During his youth he attended Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church. Survivors include four sisters, Ruth Holcey, Kumice Jackson, Mary Johnson, and Ruby Melson. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Johnny Holcey and Naomi Pugh. A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 2 at Ross Hollywood Chapel, followed by a committal service at Skyline Memorial Gardens.

Cornelius 'Connie' Mills

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in north Portland for Cornelius "Connie" Jean Mills. She was born Sept. 30, 1947 in Portland to Marie Thompson and Thaddeus Spencer, the sixth of 12 children. She was called home on Dec. 30, 2006 after a brief illness. She attended Woodlawn Elementary school and Girls Polytechnic High School. In 1964, she married Jesse Mills Jr. and became the proud mother of two beautiful children, Gregory Allen Spencer and Shavyonne Marie Mills. In 1972 she met her life partner Edward Thompson. Connie was a homemaker, daycare provider and "mother to all". She welcomed many children into her home with open arms and a hot meal. Her favorite things in life were her children, extended family and friends, and the Lord. She loved cooking for her family, gardening and trips to the beach. She raised three nephews, Anthony, Michael, and Antwaun, and was currently raising her granddaughter Jessica. She was an inspiration for her family, friends, and her Christian women's group of which she was a faithful member. She was a great woman with a big heart full of love for everyone she met, and she knew

Sunrise: Sept. 30, 1947 - Sunset: Dec. 30, 2006

Church Offers Spanish Classes

St Johns All Nations Church of God in Christ, 9486 N. Buchanan, is offering free Spanish classes to the Portland community. The instruction from Roosevelt High School-SEIS students will begin Saturday, Jan. 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and each consecutive Saturday for eight weeks. Light snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome and no prior Spanish is required. To pre-register, call Yvette Key at 503-209-9045

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